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To the Right Honorable, the House of COMMONS in Parliament Assembled.

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Sheweth,

THat being sensible of the miseries of this poor almost wasted Kingdom, and of the long continued sufferings of this County in particular, and finding by experience, we had been all brought to extream misery, and total ruine before this day, had not God appeared as wonderful with, and for the General, Lieutenant General, and their faithful Commanders and souldiers of late,

as ever he did by miracles for his people of old; and in our apprehensions, there being under you no other visible means or power, by whom God doth appear to save this poor Kingdom from the bloody Irish, that party of perfidious, plundering Scots that last invaded our Kingdom, together with the Malignant, Trecherous English, then this present Army, whose valour God hath made a terror to all our enemies; do therefore humbly propound, That you will hear the General, and General Councel of the Army, in all things tending to the speedie settlement of this Kingdom, that as one man, we may joyn together to oppose what force soever shall invade us. That you will take a speedy course that all Treasurers, Committees, and Sequestrators be brought to a speedy and strict account. That the best advantage be made of all Sequestrated estates, and the general receipts of the Kingdom may be improved for the publike, with the best advantage. That you will take a special care for the payment of the Army, and with all possible speed take off the great burthen of Free Quarter. That no man be forced to give Free Quarter, unlesse he deny, or delay payment of his Assessment. That the Salary or allowance of men in publick Imployments, may not exceed, during the continuance of our great payments. And that no man may be forced to serve the State at his own charge, from the greatest, to a petty Constable. That all such persons as be in any publick imployment, that lengthen our miseries, by turning with all windes and tides for their own advantage, may be put out, and all opportunities taken to

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put an end to our troubles, that the generation to come may bleſs God for ſome that continued faithful. That you will ſend forth men of able gifts and parts to preach the Goſpel to thoſe that ſit in darkneſs. And laſtly, give us leave to preſent the great ſufferings of this County, by paying in all paiments, almoſt, (if not altogether) double as much as any adjacent County, occaſioned formerly by difference, and malice, between ſome of the chief houſes, and families of our County, and our great ſufferings when the Scots lay ſo long before *Hereford*, the many thouſand pounds that have been collected from us to disband Col. *Birches* Regiment, of which (we never received one peny) and others raiſed ſince; and yet never being freed from free quartering, unleſſe it were for ſome few weeks.

All which, we hope, you will take into conſideration, in conveient time, and in all your good endevors, tending to a ſpeedy ſettlement of this Kingdom, we will to the utmoſt of our power, as God ſhall enable us, aſſiſt you and your faithful Army, under the command of the General.

And ſhall ever pray, *&c.*

Juſtices

Justices of Peace.

Thomas Baskervile
John James
Thomas Rawlings
Francis Pember
Henry Williams
Thom. Seaborne, Esquires, Major of the City of Hereford.

Grand Jury.

John Vernal
Thomas Andrews
John Lenitoll
Anthony Carwardine
William Clark
John Taylor
Richard Gwatkin
Thomas Church
John Leech junior
John Lufton
Thomas Eynion
John Simmonds
Rowland Bethel
John Colley
William Marsh
Thomas Williams
Francis Sheward
William Brown
Thomas Danet

Gentlemen.

Sir John Bridges, Knight and Baronet
Robert Higgins
Thomas Higgins
Arthur Cockerham
Robert Flacket
Thomas Careles
Oliver Chambers
Francis Walker
Miles Hill
Francis Pember junior
Henry Williams
John Herring
Verney Higgins
Thomas Hewet
Francis Bifield
Alexander Garston
John Pembridg
William Careles
John Wolfe
Philip Sterky
Joseph Patshal

Edward

Gentlemen.

Edward Huſſey	*James Woodhouſe*
John Adis	*John Harris*
John Chomley	*Edmund Orub*
Thomas Williams	*Walter Wallaſton*
John Walſam	*William Hooper*
William Williams	*Richard Putney*

The Gentlemen that preſented this Petition, were by the Sergeant of the Houſe, called unto the Commons Bar, where Mr. Speaker told them, That he was commanded by the Houſe, to give them hearty thanks for their Petition, and for their affectionate expreſſions therein, who did aſſure them, That the Houſe would take all poſſible and ſpeedy care, for the ſetling and eaſe of the Kingdom; and that the particulars in their Petition, ſhould be taken into their ſerious conſideration in convenient time.

For

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Upon Thursday, January 25. there was presented to his Excellency, and his General Councel of War, An Acclamation *from the wel affected Gentlemen of the Committee, Ministers, Common-Councel, Grand-Jury, Souldiers, and divers hundreds of the Inhabitants of the County and City of* Worcester, *as followeth.*

For his Excellency *Thomas* Lord *Fairfax*, and the honorable Councel of War.

The joyful Acclamations of the well-affected, in the City and County of Worcester.

BLesſed Patriots; for you have been bleſſed: And the real purſuance of your late Remonſtrance (ſo uprightly ſtated) will record you ſo much more to all poſterity, Founders of our Peace, as well as confounders of our foes.

We cannot but ſend you our Acclamations to ſtrengthen and quicken your hands in that mighty work; and few, though we be, that yet appear, yet aſſured we are, that ſuitable actings to ſuch Juſt Principles (you neither ſeeking your ſelves, nor too much the compliance of others) will ſoon bring in all the upright in the whole Land unto you. And not onely ſo, but will further make you glorious Patterns to all other people, for the good of all Nations.

Proceed therefore (or elſe undoubtedly you ſoon ruine, both your friends, and ſelves) vigorouſly, and throughly in the name of the Lord, and you will eternize your own, while we ſubſcribe ours: In life and death,

Yours in all righteous ways, for Publike Intereſt.

Mr. *Moor* was deſired to return thanks from his Excellency and General Officers, to the foreſaid Gentlemen, for their good affections; and that their deſires ſhould be promoted.

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